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In re Application of: )  
Nghi VAN NGUYEN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1751  
Application No.: 09/931,912 ) Examiner: E. Elhilo  
Filed: August 20, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 4343  
For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING )  
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE )  
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST )  
ONE REDUCING AGENT, AND )  
METHODS FOR RELAXING HAIR )

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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patents, U.S. patent publications, and co-pending applications which are available on the Image File Wrapper System are not enclosed.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held in *Dayco Products, Inc. v. Total Containment, Inc.*, 329 F.3d 1358, 66 U.S.P.Q.2d 1801 (Fed. Cir. 2003), that an "adverse decision" by another examiner may meet the materiality standard under the amended Rule 56, and thus, Applicants should disclose prior rejections of "substantially similar claim[s]" to the Office. Accordingly, although Applicants are not representing that the Office Actions in the co-pending applications are material to the present application and are not admitting that any of the other claims are substantially similar, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants have listed the substantive office actions in co-pending applications on the attached form.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. DE 20 14 628 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent abstract submitted herewith. This document is believed to be related to GB 1 281 662, which is submitted herewith.
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5. **EP 0 354 835** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent Nos. 4,956,175, 5,015,767, and 5,106,612.
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7. **EP 0 512 879** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,628,991.
8. **EP 0 636 358** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,833,966.
9. **EP 0 714 654 A1** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,637,295.
10. **EP 0 726 251 A1** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,679,332.
11. **WO 01/74318** - An English language abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found on the front of this document.
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14. International Search Report for PCT/US01/43193 - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket Nos. 05725.0534-00 and 05725.0534-01.

15. International Search Report for PCT/US02/03392 - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket No. 05725.0535.

16. International Search Report for PCT/US02/08270 - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket No. 05725.0505.

17. International Search Report for PCT/US02/21846 - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket No. 05725.0798.

18. International Search Report for PCT/US02/21848 - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket No. 05725.0848.

19. ZAHN, Helmut, "N,O-Peptidyl shift, disulfide exchange, and Lanthionine formation in wool and other proteins containing cystine," Chimia (Switz.) (1961), 15, 378-94 - This document is cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US02/08270, related to 05725.0505.

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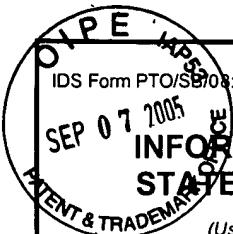
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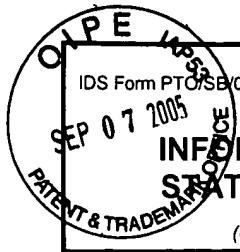
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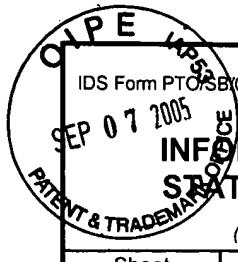
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